

PORTISHEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Portishead Urban
District Council.

Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Health has recommended that this Report be curtailed as much as possible. For this reason, Housing and other subjects dealt with in the Surveyor's Report are omitted. During the year there was no serious outbreak of infectious disease. At the outbreak of War we did not have to receive or evacuate children. I had, therefore, to make no special arrangements in the District for Maternity or Child Welfare. These Services are working well.

More children were immunized against Diphtheria, but there are still a number not yet done. I must emphasise the necessity of having all children done as soon as possible. A period of three months, after the injections, must elapse before the child is fully protected. The County scheme provides opportunity for every child to be done by their own doctor.

1. BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

Birth Rate.	10.2	England & Wales.	15.0
Death Rate.	8.9	England & Wales.	12.1

2. MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY.

Maternal,	Nil.	Infant,	one.
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3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever.	One.
Diphtheria.	Two.
Pneumonia.	Three (one death).

4. TUBERCULOSIS. New cases notified.

Respiratory.	Two.	
Non-Respiratory.	One.	Deaths. Nil.

5. A.R.P. During the year I supervised the training and organization of the Casualty Services. With few exceptions the members were all voluntary and gave up a great deal of spare time and did a lot of hard work in training themselves. Instructors also gave time and energy in helping. As a result, we have a very efficient Casualty Service to deal with any occurrence that may happen.

I am, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,
J.E.McCORMICK, M.B., B.Ch.,
M.O.H. Portishead Urban District Council.

November, 1940.

